# Northwood Primary School Early Years Curriculum Newsletter



Curriculum Information - Topics							
Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2		Summer 1	Summer 2	
2020	2020	2021	2021		2021	2021	
Ourselves	Africa	Dinosaurs	Animals and their Babies		Plants Growth	By the Seaside	
Homework Timetable — Reception							
	Issued			Returned to School			
Reading/Library Book	New Book is issued on Monday			Friday (must be kept in school over the weekend)			
Home learning	Friday			Wednesday			
book (Oxford Owl		-			•	-	
during lockdown)							

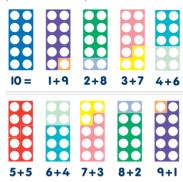
Reception Curriculum						
Curriculum Area	Reception	Home Enrichment Activities				
Communication and Language Literacy	Children will be encouraged to take part in circle time activities within small groups and whole class. There will be lots of opportunities for pupils to express their views, share stories and become confident to speak in a familiar group.	Encourage your children to complete their Phonics Homework provided by school. Concentrate on the formation of the letters, especially the 'curly caterpillar' letters that can be the trickiest to form!  Please read with your child regularly and return books to school so that a new title can be issued. Encourage your child to recognise any 'tricky words' they find in their books or in their environment. Tricky words are words that cannot always be worked out by blending. Your child will progress to a new phase when they can recognise all words by sight. In school, pupils have been introduced to Phase2 and will be beginning phase 3. Follow the links below on YouTube for some catchy songs:  Phase 2  Phase 3  I he she the we to me go into you are her was all they my  Epic Phonics: Phase 2/3				
	Pupils will have the opportunity to engage in role play to develop their expressive language.  Stories covered will include:  Harry and his Bucketful of Dinosaurs book range  Aliens love Dinopants  Tyrannosaurus Drip  Non-Fiction Dinosaur books  Songs covered will include:  Cave baby Songs  Dinosaurs (BBC Nursery Rhymes)  10 little dinosaurs  Twinkl dinosaur songs  Never Smile at a Crocodile  Children will continue to access letters and sounds phonics; with some pupils accessing the next set of letters/sounds and others consolidating previous learning.  Pupils will continue to develop their writing skills by working on pre-cursive handwriting, their names and words/sentences containing the learned phonics sounds. (e.g. sat/cot and the cat is on a mat etc.).  The children will also begin to read some tricky high frequency words (see the table opposite). A book mark will be issued alongside your child's reading book with the next set of these words and graphemes displayed on in the tricky word card sent with the remote learning packs. The children will					
	be learning how to label and describe. They will read and write non-fiction linked to the topic of dinosaurs.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMyssfAUx0  Phase 3/4: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R087lYrRpgY				
Mathematics	This term, mathematics key skills will include doubling and halving, addition and subtraction using single digit numbers	Shape Activities:				

for example, 9+5=, 7-4=, using objects and Numicon. Pupils will explore doubles in a practical context and begin to count and match objects up to 15.

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Children will be focusing on supitising of numbers (looking at an amount and recognising the quantity without counting).

Children will use their Numicon Tiles to explore number bonds up to 10. For example:



Pupils will also explore shape, space and measure further, consolidating their knowledge of 2D shapes and learning to recognise the following 3D shapes:

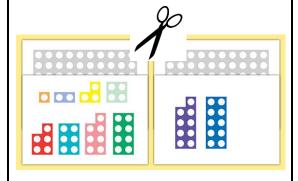
- Cone
- Cuboid
- Sphere
- Cylinder
- Pyramid



Look for shapes in the home setting and when out in the local community. Encourage pupils to identify the shapes that they see. If you would like a paper set of shape cards then please ask your child's class teacher.

#### Number Activities:

Practise adding two groups of objects together to find the total. Encourage and model accurate counting to enable precision. A set of paper Numicon Tiles will be provided with homework for use at home when completing addition number problems.



## Understanding the World

Children will learn about different types of dinosaurs. They will be investigating herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and having an exciting dino egg experience! The children will then learn about other reptiles and cold blooded animals that hatch from eggs. The children will be investigating fossils and making their own dino print fossil.





Children can research their favourite dinosaurs - their size, where they lived and what they eat. Andy's Dinosaur Adventures on BBC shows simple snap shots of dinosaur facts for the children to note.



Discuss what hatches from an egg as well as dinosaurs. This will lead on to our Spring 2 animals and their babies topic.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Children will explore collage/print and will learn how to print and collage using a range of techniques.

During child initiated learning pupils will have access to a wide variety of creative materials and will be able to express their own creativity. Pupils will be able to access a variety of small world and role play activities to develop expressive language.

Pupils will develop their repertoire of Nursery Rhymes, Action Songs and themed songs. They will be able to use percussion instruments and the new Reception Music Wall and stage area to create their own musical performances.